GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2295
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INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the multi-national companies are selling insulin and other life saving drugs at exorbitant rates;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to start indigenous production of those drugs in the interest of the common people of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) : The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 does not make any distinctionbetween Life Saving drugs and other drugs. In accordance with the provisions of the said Order, the Government fixes prices of the drugs listed in its First Schedule and formulations based thereon, which, interalia, include Insulin and its formulations. In case, there is any violation of the approved / notified price of a Scheduled formulation, action is taken under the provisions of the DPCO`95. .

(c) to (e) : The Government per-se, on its own is not in the process of producing Insulin and other life saving drugs. However, the Government is encouraging the production of Insulin and other life saving drugs in various Indian companies withindigenous or imported technologies by providing all logistical help in the form of granting license, permitting foreign direct investment as well as helping in getting various clearances under I(D&R) and Environment (Prevention) Act and regulations. xxxxx